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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Kunio SHIOTA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
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Application No.: 09/881,748) Examiner: Jerry LIN
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Filed: June 18, 2001) Confirmation No. 8762
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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING)
CELLS USING DNA)
METHYLATION PATTERNS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Applicants now respond to the final Office Action ("Action") mailed November 21, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. Applicants also respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper at page 6.

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